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PRIMA IN THE MAKING

Regina's Polly Guay, 10, seen here performing her Ukrainian doll solo at the Kalyna Dance Festival in Yorkton, is the 2012 Saskatchewan recipient of the Investors Group Summer Scholarship. She will travel to Winnipeg in July, where she will receive four weeks of training at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and a chance to earn a place in the full-time Professional Division. ROSALIE SYNK/CONTRIBUTED

Graduates refuse to say prayers before dinner

Middle Lake. Controversy began late last year when a senior from Three Lakes School led the charge to dispense with the religious observance

It doesn't sit well with Ryan Schnee that local high school students have dispensed with a prayer at their graduation dinner.

Schnee, of Middle Lake, Sask., is the pastor at the local Gospel Church and was responding to the controversy that has gripped the tiny village in the heart of agricultural country.

"I wish that the Christian prayer would be respected at the school event," he said Wednesday.

Schnee acknowledged that he is somewhat perplexed at the notion that public schools can be non-denominational when all the Christian holidays are part of the school calendar right across the province.

"There is an illusion out there that we can choose nothing, that our education system can be religiously neutral. And that's just not the case," he told the Toronto Star.

The controversy began late last year when Jake Nantau, one of the 17 graduating seniors from Three Lakes School, led the charge to dispense with the religious observance at the May 11 dinner.

On the Facebook page "Roses and Raspberries" created by the students, Nantau described himself as the only atheistic student in the class, but not the only one offended by the prayer.

Nantau has apparently paid dearly for taking a stand. He told the Saskatoon Star Phoenix he has been insulted, had religious scriptures left in his locker and his vehicle has been vandalized "multiple times."

"I won't point fingers but it's suspicious, given the circumstances," he said.

After voting to not hold a prayer before the dinner, the students did finally agree to the compromise of a non-religious thanks.

"We have to disabuse ourselves of this idea we can be everything to everybody," said Schnee, adding that the Saskatchewan School Act still provides for up to 1.5 hours of religious instruction per week, at least on the books, and allows for the Lord's Prayer to be recited in the morning.

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Church reaction

"There is an illusion out there that we can choose nothing, that our education system can be religiously neutral. And that's just not the case."

Ryan Schnee, pastor at the Gospel Church

Sounds of silence

- **Mouths shut.** Amidst all of this controversy, no one of an official capacity is talking. Carey Blatchford, principal of the kindergarten to Grade 12 school, won't comment, and Ken Sogge, a spokesperson for the Horizon School Division, said the banquet is not a board-sanctioned event and declined to comment on the students' decision or ensuing controversy.

All for her community

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Former abuse victim wins United Way Regina President's Award

Survivor. She escaped domestic violence and now helps others in similar situations

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Pat Cassell-Ogilvie was among the winners at the United Way's annual Tribute Luncheon on Wednesday, accepting the President's Award for outstanding contributions to the community.

"I'm very honoured and very humbled because I know there are so many people who help out in the community," Cassell-Ogilvie told Metro in an interview afterwards.

Cassell-Ogilvie arrived in Regina at the age of 12 after fleeing an abusive father. She lived with three different friends, their families opening up their homes to her for extended stays, as she completed her schooling.

At 16, she met and married a man who resembled her father in one terrifying way. She said that after years of abuse at the hands of her new husband, she finally left with her three children when the oldest was just six. She then took in her niece and set about raising four children as a single mom.

In order to make ends meet, Cassell-Ogilvie took on a variety of jobs, eventually gaining 20 years experience in the property-management business. In the 1980s she met her future husband Don Ogilvie, a farmer, and in 1998 she teamed up with her daughter Tracy to open En Vogue Spa.

A highly successful businesswoman, Cassell-Ogilvie has contributed significantly to the community. She's been a longstanding volunteer and board chair of SOFIA House, a second-stage shelter for women fleeing domestic violence, and has hosted and organized a number of fundraising events for the agency.

"Part of the reason I joined SOFIA House was to educate people in the community that there are reasons why these women are where they are," said Cassell-Ogilvie. "I was one of them myself. Relationships like that take all your power away from you. Organizations like SOFIA House help women to gain their power back."

In 2009, Cassell-Ogilvie faced another dramatic challenge when she was diagnosed with mouth cancer. "The doctors brought my family to my bedside a few times to say goodbye," she said. "In the end, it had a positive impact on my family. I learned how to let them take care of me and it brought us closer together."

Positive attitude

For Pat Cassell-Ogilvie , a positive attitude has been a very important factor in her life.

- "You have a choice," she said. "You can let things get you down and impact where you are and who you are, or you can decide to take those as a challenge and do the things some people might not think you can do. Part of my life has been about showing people that I can do it despite what I might be facing."

Pat Cassell-Ogilvie, right, accepts the President's Award, a Joel Fafard print, from United Way CEO Joanne Grant at United Way Regina's annual Tribute Luncheon on Wednesday. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Woman fears for family safety after ex gets bail

He was convicted for physically and sexually assaulting her 12-year-old daughter and then attacking her, causing permanent damage to her eye. Now, a Regina woman (all names withheld due to a publication ban) is terrified for the safety of her family after the man responsible, an ex-boyfriend, was released on bail pending his appeal.

"I don't feel safe," the woman told Metro. "I think he's capable of coming back for us. We never leave the house alone."

The daughter has been in a downward spiral since his release, said the mother.

"She's angry and has been acting out. She's scared she might see him again."

The case raises questions about weighing the rights of victims against those of convicted felons.

The man, convicted of two counts of assault and one count of sexual assault on a minor, had served more than a year of his sentence pending trial and was sentenced to an additional few years on top of that (again, details withheld due to publication ban.)

He has a number of conditions placed upon his release, including staying away from the woman's family and any female under the age of 18. But this gives small comfort to the victim and her family.

As part of procedure, a number of tests were conducted on the convict to analyze the possibility of recidivism, court documents show. The man received the highest score possible for a chance of assaulting a domestic partner and his chances of committing another sexual assault were rated as moderate to high.

But, according to one lawyer who asked not to be named, the results of such tests are often considered faulty and are not determining factors in the outcome of a bail hearing.

Each person who has been convicted of a crime has a right to appeal, says Noah Evanchuk, a Regina defence lawyer who is not involved in this case.

But why free a convict on bail pending appeal? According to Evanchuk, in order to receive a fair hearing at the court of appeal, the appellant needs to be free in order to prepare his case or make income to afford representation.

Evanchuk notes there are strict tests applied to the appellant before he is granted bail. He must show three things: His appeal must not be frivolous (that is, there must be some merit to the appeal), he must agree to surrender himself if his appeal is denied, and he must show that detention is not necessarily in the public interest.

Unlike criminal court where the onus is on the prosecutor to prove guilt, in the court of appeal, the onus is on the appellant to prove these three things, says Evanchuk.

CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Quoted

"If it's a matter of law, you have an appeal by right. We don't live in Afghanistan. People need to know that there is oversight in the system."

Noah Evanchuk, Regina defence lawyer

Worst Roads campaign

Worst highway in Saskatchewan

Highway 22 near Earl Grey has been voted as the province's worst road in CAA Saskatchewan's first Worst Roads campaign. Highway 22 near Southey came in second, with Highway 51 near Major rounding out the top three.

Drivers cast more than 2,900 votes throughout the campaign, which ran from March 27 to April 23, identifying what they believe are the worst roads in Saskatchewan.

A road qualified as a "worst" if it is in general disrepair with potholes, cracks, et cetera, has poor signage or congestion, or is too narrow for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to share safely. METRO

Seven Stones

Future Regina school gets a name

Regina Public Schools has named a school to be built at McTavish Street and 5th Avenue. The school, which is being built to house the Wascana Community School and the former Herchmer Community School, will be called Seven Stones Community School.

According to a statement released by Regina Public Schools, Seven Stones reflects an Anishnabae teaching philosophy based on seven concepts: Growth, adequacy, love, order, security, social approval and self-esteem.

The school is tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of 2014. METRO

Parents filed report

RCMP searching for missing teen

Sixteen-year-old Frankie Anna-Pinay has been reported missing from her Cupar home. She is about five-foot-three with brown eyes, a light complexion, two lip piercings and a heart-shaped birthmark on her left arm. METRO

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On the web

He be jammin'

Barack Obama hit the late-night TV circuit (to mixed reviews). Watch Obama slow-jam a stump speech with Jimmy Fallon at metronews.ca

Screeners accused of cashing in

U.S. Transportation Security Administration screeners accused of taking bribes to allow drugs through Los Angeles' airport have been charged in a corruption probe. A 22-count indictment unsealed Wednesday outlined five incidents in which the employees allegedly took up to $2,400 to provide drug couriers unfettered access at LAX. Full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news

A mob of 30 women got into a bloody street fight in California after a wife discovered her husband was cheating on her with another woman, who was posting comments about the romance on Facebook. Scan the code for the story.

Canadian's ashes sent to South Korea for burial

Reunited in death.
Two brothers fought in Korean War, with one dying in battle in 1951 and second later dying in June 2011

Korean War veterans from Canada pay their respects Tuesday during a ceremony in Busan, South Korea. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Back in a country most of them saw for the first time more than half a century ago, about 50 Canadian veterans of the Korean War braved driving rains Wednesday to finally reunite a pair of brothers long since divided by the conflict.

Archibald Hearsey, born in Ignace, Ont., in 1929, had requested in his will that his ashes be returned to Korea and buried next to his older brother Joseph, who died in battle in 1951.

Their remarkable story is one of the Korean War's most powerful tales.

Hearsey died in June of last year. Wednesday's ceremony marked the first time a war veteran's remains were brought back to be buried on South Korean soil.

"They were two small-town boys that were separated by war," said Archibald's daughter, Debbie Kakagamic, who travelled to Korea with her son Solomon to attend the burial ceremony and visit her uncle's grave.

"Now they're together again."

Joseph Hearsey was one of 516 Canadian soldiers who died during the Korean War, which lasted from June 1950 to July 1953.

Canada was one of 16 foreign countries that sent troops, and 26,791 Canadian soldiers fought.

Health problems prevented Archibald Hearsey from ever returning to South Korea to visit his brother's grave at the UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan, where 378 Canadians are buried.

"The Hearsey brothers may now rest in peace beside their comrades," said David Chatterson, Canada's ambassador to South Korea.

The visit was part of Korea Revisit Week, an annual event supported by the South Korean government.

This year, about 200 veterans from Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand spent five days in South Korea visiting historical sites.

Technically, North and South Korea remain at war. No peace agreement was ever signed between the two countries, only an enduring ceasefire.

"The week's events are a testament to the brotherly friendship between South Korea and Canada," said Minister Park Sung-choon.

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Prince George, B.C.
Second death in fatal sawmill blast

A 46-year-old mill worker has been identified as the second victim of the blast that levelled the Lakeland sawmill in Prince George, B.C., on Monday night.

The coroner's service has confirmed that Prince George resident Glenn Francis Roche died in Edmonton, just hours after being transferred to that city for treatment of critical burns.

Forty-three-year-old shift supervisor Alan Little died Tuesday morning in Prince George.

The men were among 11 severely injured when an explosion and fire tore through the mill.

Three victims have been airlifted for treatment at hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria, while six people remain in hospital in Prince George.

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'Reality check' for forestry

The manager of a sawmill at Carrot River, Sask., says an explosion that killed two mill workers in B.C. is a "reality check."

Andy Borsa says the blast has caused re-evaluation of safety precautions.

Quebec tuition hikes

Talks between government, students go bust

For three days, there was a faint sign that Quebec's student unrest might find a peaceful resolution.

Any such hope was dashed Wednesday as talks broke off between the province and Quebec's student groups.

Their three-day attempt at negotiation was a long shot, with the government refusing to back down on tuition hikes and students demanding just that.

The discussion ended as it began — with rowdy scenes in the street and no solution in sight.

The unravelling began with an uproarious protest in Montreal late Tuesday that saw five arrests, an injured police officer and the window of a bank smashed.

There were more disruptions Wednesday.

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'This thing's huge.'
Fossil stumps scientists

Experts are trying to figure out what a fossil dubbed "Godzillus" used to be.

The 68-kilogram fossil recovered last year in Kentucky is more than two metres long. To the untrained eye, it looks like a bunch of rocks or a concrete blob. Experts are trying to determine whether it was an animal, mineral or a form of plant life from a time when the Cincinnati region was underwater.

"Godzillus". THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists at a Geological Society of America meeting viewed it Tuesday at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

"We are looking for people who might have an idea of what it is," said Ben Dattilo, an assistant professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scientists say the fossil is 450 million years old. University of Cincinnati geologist Carl Brett said it's the largest fossil ever extracted from that era in the Cincinnati region.

"This is the ultimate cold case," said Ron Fine, the Dayton, Ohio, amateur paleontologist who spotted the fossil on a hillside last year and gave it its name.

"Like Godzilla, it's a primordial beast that found its way to the modern era," Fine said. Now 43, he's been collecting fossils since age four, and said he saw part of this one on a hillside off Kentucky 17 nearly a year ago.

"Most fossils around here are small, the size of your thumbnail or your thumb," he said. "This thing's huge."

He said it could be an early form of seaweed or kelp.

"This one has us stumped," said David Meyer, another UC geology professor.

"Cincinnati was covered by a sea, 100 to 200 feet deep," Meyer said. "Primitive shellfish lived in it. But no fish."

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Random testing uncovers mad cow disease in California

Women buy beef in Seoul Wednesday. Two major South Korean retailers have suspended the sale of U.S. beef after a dead dairy cow in California was found to have had mad cow disease. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nondescript building in the heart of California's dairy country has become the focus of intense scrutiny after mad cow disease was discovered in a dead dairy cow.

Two major South Korean retailers suspended sales of U.S. beef in response.

Tests are performed on only a small portion of dead animals brought to the transfer facility in central California.

The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of dairies, but hadn't exhibited outward symptoms of the disease: Unsteadiness, lack of co-ordination, a drastic change in behaviour or low milk production, officials said. But when the animal arrived at the facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 18, its 30-month-plus age and fresh corpse made her eligible for USDA testing.

"We randomly pick a number of samples throughout the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker Commodities executive vice-president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease.

The samples went to the food safety lab at the University of California, Davis on April 18. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to the USDA lab in Iowa for further testing.

Agriculture officials announced the findings Tuesday: The animal had atypical BSE.

That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer.

It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

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HOW A CREDIT CARD CAN HELP NEWLYWEDS FURNISH THEIR FIRST HOME

NEWLYWEDS

Ali and Fatima, both 29, are newlyweds living in Ottawa. In the fall, they used their wedding gift money to put a substantial down payment on a bungalow in the Elmvale Acres area of the city. The house has a small yard, an unfinished basement and "tons of potential," says Ali, who intends to finish it himself.

The couple is in good financial shape. Ali has a government job downtown while Fatima works for an association. Their combined annual income is $80,000.

They have a budget they can live with and their debt is manageable — along with the mortgage, Ali's student loan will be paid off in five years and their car is leased. What also helps is they receive financial help periodically from Ali's parents who live nearby.

Ali and Fatima are having fun furnishing their house, and they have an eye on the future too — children, a bigger house and "definitely, annual vacations south," says Fatima.

The couple has a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* cash back credit card, which they use for as many of their monthly purchases as possible. In fact, they just bought a new big screen TV and put the purchase on their card, earning them some valuable cash back.

The card gives Ali and Fatima 2 per cent cash back on everyday spending such as gas, groceries, drugstore items, and recurring bill payments, and 1 per cent cash back on all other eligible purchases. The cash back lump sum is automatically deposited into their savings account every November. While the *Scotia Momentum*® VISA card has a nominal annual fee of $39, its cash back earnings is more than worth it, says Fatima.

Their card has a $5,000 credit limit, and they try to pay off the balance every month because they like to have the credit available "just in case," says Ali. Their card also comes with tons of other features and benefits, such as Purchase Security and Extended Warranty Protection, that give the couple peace of mind when paying by credit card.

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Ali and Fatima's profile:

Ali and Fatima use their *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* card to pay for about $1,200 worth of purchases a month. Some fixed costs, such as their property taxes, are not payable by credit card and therefore not included in these calculations.

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Ali and Fatima have a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA card (the card below on the left). Here's a look at the cash back their purchases add up to with their card — and a comparison with what their cash back would add up to if they had the *Scotia Momentum*® No-Fee VISA card (the card on the right).

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Like their counterparts in the comic-book world, Real-life Superheroes need villains. Real-Life Super Villains were created four years ago to help ensure superheroes stay moral. 'Villains' don't have death lasers or plans to rule the world. They take upon themselves the duty of demanding accountability of those who would call themselves 'super'

Villains gladly put hose to heroes

Kaptain Blackheart NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

NADIA FEZZANI AND THE GOLDEN DON
For Metro Canada

The interaction the Real-Life Super Villains have with the Real-Life Superheroes is mainly online.

Although it is known to happen, very rarely do RLSVs actually meet RLSHs in person.

For better or worse, the Internet is the medium. Approval, information-sharing, networking, collaboration and conflicts are played out on Facebook, YouTube and various message boards and forums.

Much like heroes, each villain operates differently.

Some Real-Life Super Villains criticize openly, sometimes cruelly, in posts and comments to demand response from heroes whose behaviour they find lacking.

Some mock by producing media designed to spoof and draw attention to the hero's shortcomings.

Targeting the 'capes'

"The reason I target certain 'capes,' as we call them, is that I don't believe that they are acting very heroic. If they are bigots or otherwise set a bad example for the community and/or the children who they are supposed to be protecting, it puts them right in my crosshairs. Heroes have no room for hate speech or supporting things such as crimes against women.

My goals have somewhat changed. I do not attack everyone who calls themselves a superhero ... just the ones who deserve it. There are those out there who I believe are genuine in what they are trying to do and truly wish to help people. I generally leave those people alone — and have actually become friends with some of them.

I will be honest: The costume makes things a lot more fun and theatrical for both sides. I mean, who wants to fight a 'hero' or 'villain' in a T-shirt and blue jeans? Come on — they get to wear costumes, then so do we!" Super villain Zyklon B

Villainy in disguise

The Golden Don
NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Keepers of the golden rule or cyber-bullies?

In many ways, Real Life Superheroes and Real Life Super Villains are more similar than they would want to admit. Many in both camps love comic books, and contribute to causes they believe in.

However, there are fundamental differences.

The greatest: RLSH go out and interact with their community in one way or another.

Villains, on the other hand, operate on the Internet.

Real Life Superheroes often criticize their nemeses by saying they waste their time in their "mothers' basements" nay-saying the RLSH world rather than making a real difference.

Many RLSH feel that the RLSV are simply costumed cyber-bullies.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA

Phoenix Jones: Masked

It was just like a scene from a movie the day Real Life Superhero Phoenix Jones' assault charges were dropped. As more than a dozen journalists and photographers crowded around him, the 23-year-old Seattleite took off his black and gold mask for the first time in public. For two years, he had been known for fighting crime. That day he told the world, 'I'm Phoenix Jones. I'm also Ben Fodor. I also protect the city, I also am a father, I also am a brother. I'm just like everyone else.'

Phoenix Jones NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Some call them Real Life Superheroes. Others refer to them as crime fighters or crime-prevention patrollers. Phoenix Jones and his team, the "Rain City Superhero Movement," call themselves a crime-prevention brigade.

For the past two years, they have been arresting carjackers, attackers and people threatening others with guns in the troubled areas of Seattle.

Equipped with bullet-proof vests, stab plating, pepper spray, Tasers and a first-aid kit, members of the 10-person team risk their lives to protect the lives of others. Even with protective equipment, the job is dangerous: Jones has been shot once and stabbed twice.

Jones is a six-foot-tall, 185-pound mixed-martial-arts champion who calls on lessons learned in his tough childhood to build his strong character.

Born to criminal parents who stole and sold narcotics, Jones — or Ben — was the middle child in a family of five. He was the only one who was sent to live in an orphanage until the age of five. "I guess it

Meet the super villains

hero exposed

was just luck of the draw. Just flip a coin," he recalls.

During that period of time, his mother got busted for selling drugs out of her baby carriage. When he was five, the system returned Jones to live with his father and siblings.

Two years later, life took a dramatic turn. While Jones was waiting in the car for his father to come back from running errands, he heard gunshots. His father had attempted to rob a convenience store and was killed.

Jones was placed in an orphanage but he wasn't like the others. Even though his mother was in prison, he had a parent.

Jones was adopted at nine years old, but had to spend half the time with his new family and half the time at the orphanage. At 11 he moved to his new home permanently and settled into a new school, where Jones starting training in martial arts. By 14, he was already a black belt.

After high school, he trained to work with autistic children, his passion for five years.

In October 2011, Jones was charged with assault when he broke up a fight using pepper spray. His costume was taken and his identity was revealed as public record. Even though the charges were dropped, the authorities kept his uniform for weeks.

Jones chose to embrace his circumstances, even though he lost his job and licence to work with the autistic because of the assault accusations. He faced the public bravely. Now, with a little less mystery, he continues to patrol, protect and inspire the citizens of Seattle.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA

Zyklon B

A prominent member of R.O.A.C.H., a villain group, Zyklon B took on a controversial name to match his approach to his criticism of heroes as a whole. He uses inflammatory comments that are designed to straddle the line of propriety, especially with new or unproven RLSH. "The bad guys are really the good guys. And the heroes are the villains," says Zyklon B.

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The Roaming EYE of DOOM

A comedic group of what some call "Metavillains," these fiction-based villains are led by Octavius Fong, an evil puppet. The EYE has included those like Kaptain Blackheart, the Baroness, Agent Orange and others. The goal is to hold a "funhouse mirror" to the RLSH community by producing humorous videos, web-cast radio programming and online personas. The Baroness has also exposed false RLSH whose goal was to send explicit messages to females in the online community. They try to maintain a high standard of ethics, if only to keep the higher ground.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Lord Malignance

Perhaps the most disciplined practitioner of "Metavillainy," he speaks of himself in third person as "One." His portrayal of this persona has led to the creation of a textured fictional existence that includes a headquarters he has built in his home. His goal is to inspire critical thinking through absurdity and imagination. "Superheroes are trapped in a group self-delusion of their own making. Whenever the truth appears, they run from it like kryptonite," says Lord Malignance.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Caligula Caesar

Caligula Caesar selected his name to embody the greed and thirst for power that his historical namesake so villainously displayed. Based out of Brooklyn, he calls his neighbourhood the New R.O.M.E. (Reign Over My Enemies). He got into villainy eights months ago, when he heard of local superheroes making what he considered to be preposterous claims about contributing to decreasing crime in his part of town. Today, he manages a forum where heroes and villains can debate, settle their differences and air their grievances without it being visible to fans and supporters.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

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- **Exclusive video interview: Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign with Pure Evil.** Until recently, Real Life Superheroes Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign have refused to communicate with Real Life Super Villains. Exclusively, they have accepted the invitation for an interview from the Golden Don and Kaptain Blackheart, the "Metavillains" to be ac by Jones.

Code of ethics

"A code of ethics is necessary if the community is to work toward a common goal. Because there are a growing number of superheroes, it's necessary that we all understand and trust one another. It's also important for the general public to know what we stand for, so that they, in turn, feel comfortable working with us. In my everyday life I'm a security professional, so I bring that background into the RLSH community. As the Silver Sentinel, I'm a mentor and friend to heroes around the world, offering advice and directing new people to training resources in their local communities." Superhero Silver Sentinel

Transit trouble. Daimler AG to close Ontario bus plant in restructuring

Daimler AG is closing a bus plant in Mississauga, Ont., as part of a plan to shut down its North American transit bus business due to weak demand.

The plant currently employs 390 people.

The German company said Wednesday it will immediately stop taking orders for its Orion buses and look to close the Toronto-area plant once it completes its current orders over the next year.

A plant in Oriskany, N.Y., will continue operations as a parts and field-service location.

Daimler said the decision follows expectations that the transit bus business will remain depressed for the next several years.

"Daimler Buses considered all possible options for reconfiguring our transit bus operations in North America, but at the end of the day, Orion is facing a situation where the cost position is not competitive," Hartmut Schick, head of Daimler Buses, said in a statement.

"The local market is in a continued slump, and growth opportunities are not available from selling the product overseas."

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Daimler AG

Daimler AG, best know for its Mercedes-Benz cars, employs more than 271,000 around the world.

- The company also said Wednesday that it has signed a deal with Motor Coach Industries International Inc. that will see MCI become the exclusive North American distributor of the Setra S407 and S417 German-manufactured premium motor coaches.

Watchdog. Fiscal restraint to cost 100K jobs: Report

Government spending restraint and cuts will lead to balanced budgets but also slower economic growth and 100,000 lost jobs, Canada's budget watchdog said Wednesday.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest economic and fiscal report is surprising in that it agrees with the Harper government that the budget will be balanced in 2015-16 — maybe even a year earlier.

But it says fiscal soundness carries a heavy price, with Ottawa taking $52 billion out of the economy and the provinces adding another $9 billion in drag.

"The PBO expects that restraint and reductions in government spending on programs in Canada will act as a drag on economic growth and job creation, pushing the economy further away from its potential (gross domestic product) and delaying the economic recovery," the report states.

The report was posted on the PBO website Wednesday ahead of Page's testimony before the Commons finance committee on Thursday.

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Fiscal drag

"The real question is, how strong is the private sector going to be?" Craig Alexander, TD Bank

Laid-off Aveos employees protest outside the annual meeting of ACE Aviation, ex-parent company of Air Canada, at the Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal on Wednesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers accuse ACE Aviation of betrayal

Lost jobs. Air Canada's former parent company splitting spoils and abandoning workers: Protesters

Air Canada's former parent company was accused Wednesday of betraying workers by distributing millions of dollars among its shareholders as it winds down operations.

Hundreds of protesters blocked a downtown Montreal street where shareholders at ACE Aviation's annual meeting approved the plan to dissolve the holding company after less than 10 years of operation.

"They are going to distribute $350 million that belongs to us," Jean Poirier, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said on the steps of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

While Air Canada struggles under the weight of more than $4.3 billion of debt and hefty pension obligations, ACE shareholders will split the spoils of selling its various divisions.

ACE barred reporters from its annual meeting. In a statement, it confirmed that shareholders approved the wind-up of the company and plans to distribute between $250 million and $300 million in the coming weeks.

"The final distribution to shareholders will not occur earlier than mid-year 2013 in order to allow that any remaining contingent liabilities be settled or otherwise provided for," it said in the statement.

The protesters accused the Harper Conservatives of being in a conspiracy with Air Canada by not enforcing a law critics say requires heavy maintenance work to be done in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vented anger

"They are responsible for the nightmare we are living right now."

Maxime Dolci, Aveos employee and local union vice-president

Wind farm

Trump warns Scotland against blocking view

Donald Trump on Wednesday swept into Scotland's parliament to demand the country end plans for an offshore wind farm he fears will spoil the view at his exclusive new $1.2-billion US golf resort. In a typically blunt display, the New York property tycoon told an inquiry into renewable energy to stop the wind-power efforts in the country's north.

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Fast food

Burger King pledges cage-free pork, eggs

Burger King on Wednesday became the first major U.S. fast-food chain to pledge that all its eggs and pork will come from cage-free chickens and pigs by 2017.

The move by the world's second-biggest burger chain helps it satisfy growing demand among customers for humanely produced fare and adds fuel to an industry-wide shift to consider animal welfare.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR 101.68¢ (+0.47¢)

TSX 12,111.06 (+130.96)

OIL $104.12 US (+57¢)

GOLD $1,642.30 US (-$1.50)

Natural gas: $2.07 (+9.5¢)
Dow Jones: 13,090.72 (+89.16)

Murdoch defends 50-year media reign before inquiry

Rupert Murdoch leaves the Royal Courts of Justice with his wife Wendi Deng Murdoch in London on Wednesday. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

News Corp. chairman Rupert Murdoch defended his globe-spanning, half-a-century-long media career Wednesday, telling an inquiry into U.K. media ethics that he never called in favours from the powerful people his papers covered.

Speaking softly, deliberately and with dry humour, Murdoch parried one question after the other about the influence his dominant media operations had in lobbying lawmakers, favouring politicians or allegedly engineering sweetheart deals.

"I've never asked a prime minister for anything," the 81-year-old media baron said after being questioned whether he had asked then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to support his bid for the Times newspapers in 1981.

Murdoch was being quizzed under oath before an inquiry run by Lord Justice Brian Leveson, who is examining the relationship between British politicians and the press, a key question raised by the phone-hacking scandal that brought down Murdoch's News of the World tabloid.

Revelations of widespread illegal behaviour at the top-selling Sunday publication rocked Britain's establishment with evidence of media misdeeds, police corruption and too-cozy links between the press and politicians.

Murdoch's News International has been hit with over 100 lawsuits over phone hacking and dozens of reporters and media executives have been arrested.

Showing little equivocation, Murdoch batted away challenges to his ethics by inquiry lawyer Robert Jay.

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Questions of ethics

Murdoch maintains that his U.K. media outlets acted ethically.

- Asked whether he set the political agenda for his U.K. editors, he denied it.
- Asked whether he'd ever used his media influence to boost his business, he denied it.

ORANGE JUICE LEAVES BAD TASTE IN OUR MOUTHS

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
metronews.ca/hesays

Anyone else find it weird that the outrage over a $16 orange juice and $25-billion fighter jets is roughly the same?

I understand, though.

It's difficult to wrap one's head around the Conservatives' $10-billion discrepancy between stated and actual fighter-jet costs — because the average Joe rarely finds $10 billion in the couch cushions. It's such a big boondoggle there's no easy way to comprehend it.

On the other hand, we've all had $16 and we've all had orange juice.

So when we learn that Conservative MP Bev Oda had a taxpayer-funded $16 glass of juice at a super-posh London hotel — *because the first five-star hotel wasn't good enough for her* — we "get it" and go from zero to face-palm in 2.9 seconds.

People have been accusing Oda of having champagne tastes, but at least if the juice had been mixed with champagne we'd have understood.

The $10-billion dishonesty is bad, sure, but $16 orange juice, well, that offends our sensibilities.

This would explain why, when reimbursing the taxpayers for part of her costs, Oda left a wholly unnecessary $1,000-plus limousine on the taxpayers' bill, but made sure the orange juice was taken care of. She wouldn't want to look bad.

The only good news was that the relative clarity of Oda's OJ scandal makes the Conservatives' mishandling of the F-35 file that much clearer.

In both cases, the Conservatives criticized the opposition for doing their jobs. Oda called her questioners "extremist," which makes one hope she never becomes foreign minister.

In both cases, they said (essentially), "There is no scandal here, because once we got caught, we fixed it," which explains why they're the nation's leading experts on unreported crime.

And in both cases, they claimed to have followed all existing procedures. In the case of the F-35s, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the $10 billion came down to "accounting differences," which is like blaming a car accident on "differences in direction."

The only real difference between the two scandals is that the Conservatives apologized for the orange juice.

But if you're still finding it hard to grasp the F-35 screw-up, then maybe this last comparison will help: $25 billion could buy Oda 1,562,500,000 glasses of Tropicana. That's enough juice to make anyone's stomach turn.

Supplemental discipline

I'm Brendan Shanahan, Canada's director of taxpayer safety.

- In February 2011, in London, England, an incident occurred during a conference on the immunization of children in poor countries. In the opening minutes, International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda delivered an unnecessary cheque for $665 to stay at a posh hotel. This is overcharging.
- As the documents show, Oda had the five-star Grange St. Paul's lined up for what should be a clean, honest cheque. However, she launched herself over two kilometres into another all-star. This is a violation of the overcharging rule, which states: "A minor or major scandal shall be imposed on an MP who decides a five-star hotel is for cheapskates."
- It should be noted that the Conservatives did not change their fiscally conservative position either during, or immediately prior to, the cheque.
- While we accept Oda's assertion that she did not intend to hurt her electoral chances, the moment she left the first hotel, she became responsible for causing numerous Canadians' heads to explode.
- Canada's Department of Taxpayer Safety has decided to suspend Bev Oda, but I have no real power so I'm not going to do anything. Just like my old job.

The Ants go marching in

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Beijing

Auto show links new technology

Dancers perform beside the Chery @Ant concept vehicle during the 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition at China International Exhibition Center on Wednesday in Beijing. More than 2,000 automotive enterprises from 14 countries and regions are participating in the massive auto show from April 23 to May 2.
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Going green

China's dream of electric cars elusive

China's leaders are finding it's a lot tougher to create a world-beating electric-car industry than they had hoped.

In 2009, they pledged billions of dollars for research and called for annual sales of 500,000 cars by 2015.

Today, Beijing is scaling back its ambitions, chastened by technological hurdles.

The government has hedged its bets by broadening the industry's official goals to include cleaner gasoline engines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"It's expensive in China at the moment because of import duties, and we don't qualify for incentives.... But we still think it's important that we demonstrate its capabilities here in China."

Kevin Wale, president of GM China

Electric capabilities

300 km

China's most advanced developer, BYD Co. (in which American investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corp. owns a 10 per cent stake), says its electric e6 sedan can travel 300 kilometres on a charge, similar to Western models.

BYD has sold 300 taxis and 200 electric buses used in the southern city of Shenzhen, a centre for business and technology near Hong Kong, according to Henry Li, general manager of its export division. BYD has invested heavily in research and has thousands of engineers working on battery and motor technology.

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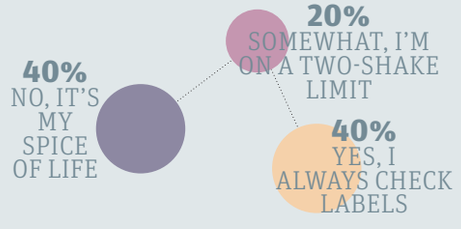

Twitter

@onemon:
#yqr yesterday all my troubles seem so far away. Just talking about the weather

@skylinelimos:
Saturday party bus from 7:00-8:00pm half price! Call 5512759 #YQR #tasteofspring

@DutchessTaffy:
RT @JC_Garden: Holy Forecast Revision Batman! A high of just 10 now in #YQR #dickgraysonweather

@JasonCossette:
RT @nikkisportraits: #YQR I will be teaching the first Intermediate Grumbacher Acrylic #art class at #Michaels Craft Store this Sat.... http://t.co/Xk5TRzJF

@usedregina:
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Scene in brief

Jack White wrangled for Lone Ranger

Walt Disney Pictures has wrangled Jack White to compose the score for The Lone Ranger. The studio announced Tuesday that the Grammy-winning rocker will write, produce and perform the score for director Gore Verbinski's upcoming adaptation of The Lone Ranger. The Lone Ranger will mark The White Stripes front-man's first time scoring a feature film. The film stars Johnny Depp as Tonto and Armie Hammer as John Reid. It is set to debut May 31, 2013.

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On the web

From playing a good guy or bad, TV to theatre, Topher Grace enjoys a varied acting career

The Hobbit film hasn't even been completed yet but is already facing criticism. HANDOUT

Will Peter Jackson's Hobbit get panned before it even opens?

Sneak peek at new shooting style confounds some critics. What does this mean for the future of film?

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CinemaCon attendees got a first look at 10-minutes of footage of Peter Jackson's upcoming the Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey, due in theatres this December.

But the main curiosity over the new film — the first of two based on J.R.R. Tolkien's book — wasn't so much the film itself, but how it was shot: Jackson filmed the Hobbit at 48 frames per second, double the normal speed of film. Jackson, via a video introduction, maintained that the higher frame rate creates a smoother image for the viewer.

"The movement feels more real," Jackson said. "It's much more gentle on the eyes."

Time to fix it

The film is far from finished, of course, as some of the footage included green screens where scenery will be digitally added. That also means Jackson has time to tweak the look of the film.

But viewers at the convention — mostly cinema owners and press — weren't convinced, and film bloggers were fast and furious with their criticism.

"The movement of the actors looked… strange. Almost as if the performances had been partly sped up," said Slashfilm's Peter Sciretta. "It didn't look cinematic."

And Devin Faraci of Badass Digest offered, "Here's what The Hobbit looked like to me: a hi-def version of the 1970s I, Claudius. It is drenched in a TV-like — specifically '70s-era BBC — video look. People on Twitter have asked if it has that soap-opera look you get from badly calibrated TVs at Best Buy, and the answer is an emphatic YES."

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But the question remains: No matter how it's refined, will this "future of film" — as Jackson, James Cameron and others have asserted — be embraced by general audiences?

Judging by reactions coming out of Las Vegas, no.

3D technology is changing our world. Two things that are set to blow up

Televisions that can display 3D images are already on the market, and some companies have started marketing 3D projectors for the home theater market.

Combine that with immersive video game systems like the Xbox Kinect, which uses the player's body movements as a guide instead of a controller, and "going into the game" suddenly seems like more than a sales pitch.

3D printing

In what's expected to be possibly the biggest technological advancement of the decade — and multibillion-dollar industry in just a few years — 3D printing is already making real life feel like science fiction and redefining what it means to "print" something. The technology is already in use to transform digital data into solid objects like jewelry prototypes, architecture models, replacement bones and joints and corrective dental products. The biggest potential application of the technology, though, is using chemical compound packages that could someday enable patients to print out their medications at home.

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Twitter

Reactions to the Hobbit footage lit up the social media site.

@AlexBuono
Not surprised that many at CinemaCon found 48fps HOBBIT footage "un-cinematic". 4K/48fps/3D = too much realism = no suspension of disbelief.

@devincf
Listening to Cinemacon people - theater owners - this 48fps demo sold NOBODY.

@firstshowing
There are going to be endless debates about 48FPS and how good/bad it looks. I just think we need to get used to change after 80yr of 24FPS.

@theoneringnet
I wonder what Twitter would have said about sound when it was introduced to talking pictures. #Hobbit #48fps

Beyoncé named World's Most Beautiful Woman

Beyoncé's beauty secret? Having a baby.

"I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth," the singer tells People magazine, which named her the 2012 World's Most Beautiful Woman.

"I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this earth." Beyoncé and husband Jay-Z welcomed daughter Blue Ivy Carter three months ago.

"The best thing about having a daughter is having a true legacy," Beyoncé adds. "The word 'love' means something completely different now."

Justin Bieber

Bieber pens song about paternity scandal

Justin Bieber is making the most of his paternity scandal last year.

"(I've written) a song about that whole situation with that girl who said she's having my baby — Mariah Yeater," Bieber says, according to AOL, adding that the track is "about everything I've gone through." Yeater claimed that she had a sexual encounter with Bieber at a concert in L.A. when she was 19 and the Canadian pop star was 16, leading to her pregnancy.

Bieber later took a DNA test to disprove her claims.

Lawrence and wife divorce

Martin Lawrence and his wife, Shamicka, are calling it quits after 17 years together, according to E! News.

The Big Momma's House star says in a statement that they made a "joint decision to go our separate ways."

Martin and Shamicka were an item for 15 years before finally tying the knot in 2010. "Out of love and respect for one another, we will continue to remain friends and raise our two beautiful daughters together," Martin says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Chris Brown breeding, selling pit bull puppies

THE WORD
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Chris Brown and his family are selling pit bull puppies online — for $1,000 a pop.

The media was tipped off to the pop star's new business venture by his mother, who tweeted a link to the dog-selling site, along with a picture of Brown cuddling one of the puppies. A rep for the singer confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Brown and his family are indeed selling the 2-month-old pit bulls online.

The publicist's spin on the high price tag is that Brown, whom she defines as "an animal lover," "wants to make sure the dogs go to a good home."

Look, dog breeding is one thing. But breeding pit bulls? That's especially irresponsible. According to recent stats from the Humane Society of the United States, 70 per cent of dogs housed and euthanized in urban animal shelter systems are pit bulls. An even more depressing statistic from the Los Angeles Humane Society says that around 200 pit bulls in L.A. alone are euthanized every day due to over-breeding and lack of adoption opportunities.

The point being: Shelters are overrun with the breed, and thousands upon thousands are killed every year because no one will adopt them. And yet, Brown is selling each puppy for $1,000? Gross.

I'm channelling my inner Bob Barker when I say: I'm pretty sure the way for Brown to show that he's a true "animal lover" is to make sure his pets are spayed and neutered — and not to breed and then sell them on a website. Especially when, come on — does he really need the money?

Mila Kunis ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Ashton and Mila continue to feed rumour mill

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis may have denied last week's reports that they've become more than just friends, but their recent activities aren't doing much to help that assertion.

The two reportedly shared a weekend getaway up the California coast, according to People magazine.

Witnesses spotted Kutcher and Kunis headed to Carpinteria, Calif., where they grabbed lunch and some fresh fruit Friday — and didn't surface again until Sunday morning. A source close to Kutcher says something like this has been in the cards since their That '70s Show days.

"He was so in love with her for a while when they worked together," says the source. "He thought she was a goddess, was always talking about how beautiful she is. But she was with Macaulay (Culkin) for a lot of that time and also just generally gave off a not-interested vibe."

Ozzy is a grandfather

Jack Osbourne and his fiancée, Lisa Stelly, are the proud parents of a newborn baby girl, welcoming daughter Pearl on Tuesday, his rep confirms to People magazine.

It's the first grandchild for Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne. Sharon previously announced her intentions of spoiling the new addition.

"I'm going to be the grandmother from hell, because I am going to spoil this baby so bad," she told People earlier this year.

"My son and Lisa are going to be like, 'Get her out of here!'"

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Style file

Narciso Rodriguez honoured

Fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez has always referenced the world of art: Modern paintings are one of his many sources of inspiration.

It seems fitting, then, that El Museo del Barrio will honour the designer of Cuban descent next month during its annual gala. In its announcement, El Museo said that Rodriguez is considered one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America.

"It's a great compliment. I don't know if it is necessarily true, but it is a great compliment. I like to think that I have given back to the community," Rodriguez said during an AP interview.

Rodriguez said he has been connected to the museum, which promotes Latino, Caribbean and Latin American art, for many years. It also offers youth programs to provide young people access to education. "I am always so proud of what they have done for the community — for New York, for Latinos and beyond the Latino world, for so many unprivileged children, families — with outreach programs," he said.

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On the Web

Montreal Fashion Week finds a new home at contemporary art complex

Vivienne Westwood: 'I prefer freedom fighter'

Sustainable style. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Day. She'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead. We discuss.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an interview with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the 'Gaia' Theory.

Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have now only up to 2020 to do something — eight more years.

And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is 'freedom fighter.' I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibility as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium.

I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change, like Plus Five Degrees. Plus five degrees is uninhabitable, it looks good on a T-shirt and promotes awareness.

What would you say to people who view your fighting to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as being contradictory?

My aim is quality, not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to provide a standard of good design, which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

What are some changes that you've made in your own life to live in a more sustainable, ecologically-minded way?

I ride a bicycle for convenience and I'm a person who doesn't like to waste things. I never waste food, for example. I was brought up after the war, so I'm used to not wasting.

I also don't eat meat. I'm a very privileged person, living in this part of the world, so I can make choices and my preferred food really is just fruit and vegetables. You don't need other food. This is optimum health. Once you get into it, nothing else tastes so good.

Safe spending

Our three favourite bags from Vivienne Westwood's line, Ethical Fashion Africa, handmade in Nairobi. viviennewestwood.com

LIGHTNING SHOPPER
$250

I LOVE CRAP CLUTCH
$160

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Vivienne Westwood's tips for living sustainably:

- **Buy less.** "Buy less, choose well and make it last. I really do think that people should exercise choice and not just consume without thought — sucking up stuff all the time, one thing after another."
- **Experience art.** "Go to the art galleries. The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in,' is my motto."
- **Read.** "Read. The best fashion accessory is a book."
- **Get cooking.** "Buying and preparing your own food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."
- **D.I.Y.** "As in, wear a piece of beautiful fabric, borrow stuff from your friends and style it in with your own clothes."

Top 6 small appliances

Whether you're making lattes or homemade sausages, there's a specialty appliance on the market that will turn you into a kitchen pro

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Hamilton Beach Griddle

Independent temperature controls for each side of the griddle and two separate cooking surfaces with individual drainage means warming and cooking a variety of food when entertaining is a breeze. For use as a griddle, grill or warming tray, it's great for summer entertaining at the cottage or at-home parties. $70, HamiltonBeach.ca

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Kenwood Cooking Chef

The appliance world is buzzing about this kitchen machine that cooks and stirs at the same time with an induction-cooking feature. Beat, whisk, blend, process, grind and juice with the attachments. It's arriving in fall 2012 with a price of $2,000 at department and specialty stores across Canada. KenwoodWorld.com

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De'Longhi Lattissima Plus

Works with the Nespresso Coffee Capsule System and includes a milk container for lattes and cappuccinos — all with a simple push of a button. The milk container can be refrigerated when not in use and the illuminated controls make selecting your drink choice simple. It's one of the best-priced machines of its kind at $399. Nespresso.com

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Brevill's Smart Oven

One of the most-used cooking appliances is the toaster oven. The Smart Oven BOV800XL heats from 120-500 F, with a convection fan for fast and easy baking (which reduces cooking time by 30 minutes). It automatically adjusts the heat for an exact cooking process. $330, The Bay, Breville.ca

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Cuisinart Professional Food Slicer

For an at-home deli, this appliance allows you to choose the thickness of cheeses and meats — great for those who are diet-conscious or charcuterie aficionados. It saves time in the kitchen, and allows families to cut roasts into healthy sliced meats. $130, cusinart.ca

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Cuisinart Meat Grinder

All stainless-steel housing with a heavy-duty motor and die-cast hopper for great strength, this meat grinder comes with three cutting plates (fine, medium and coarse). It includes two sausage attachments. Make meatloaf and sausages — and know what ingredients you are feeding your family. Great for summer grilling! $130, Canadian Tire and Home Outfitters, cuisinart.ca

Transport yourself to Thailand with exotic flavours & fragrances

Red-Curry Chicken Noodles

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's red, but it isn't red hot. And that's why red-curry paste is the sort of curry the average Canadian is going to love.

Curry pastes — which are used in Thai, Indonesian, Malaysian and Indian cooking — combine dry spices with ground fresh herbs and roots, garlic, chilies and other ingredients to form thick pastes. These often are classified by colour.

Green-curry paste, for example, is a fiery Thai blend that combines green chilies, lemon grass, garlic, shrimp paste and kaffir lime leaves. It usually is blended with coconut milk to season beef, pork and chicken.

Yellow-curry paste is a bit milder and usually sports garlic, lemon grass, galangal, cumin, cinnamon and turmeric. It's popular for adding to soups.

But the most versatile and widely used is red-curry paste, a mash of red chilies, coriander roots and leaves, shrimp paste, lemon grass, garlic, shallots and galangal.

It's got some kick, but it won't sear your mouth. It's used with everything from chicken, duck and beef to pork and shrimp. And it lands in everything from stews, curries and soups to dressings, marinades and condiments.

Conveniently, red-curry paste also is the easiest variety to find at the local grocer. It usually is packed in small glass jars or cans and can be found in the Asian section. Once opened, the remainder can be refrigerated for months.

Here, it's used to make Red Curry Chicken Noodles.

Ingredients

- 12-oz package fresh fettuccine pasta
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 14-oz can coconut milk
- 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 tbsp red-curry paste (more or less to taste)
- Meat from a 1 1/2-lb. rotisserie chicken
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, quartered

1. Bring saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and bell pepper, then sauté until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk and red curry paste. Stir until the curry paste and coconut milk are smooth, then bring to a simmer.

3. Chop or pull the chicken meat into bite-size chunks, then add to the coconut milk mixture. Toss well to coat evenly. If the meat is cold, return to a simmer. Stir in the cilantro.

4. Serve the pasta topped with the chicken. Alternatively, add the drained pasta to the pan with the chicken and toss to mix. Just before serving, squeeze a bit of lime juice over each plate.

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Cookbook of the Week

150 Best Indian, Thai, Vietnamese & More Slow Cooker Recipes

Slow cookers and curries go well together, and that's the idea behind Sunil Vijayakar's latest book.

The release boasts recipes with ingredients you'll easily find at your local grocer. There are also creative twists on accompaniments along with slow cooker know-how such as preparing various types of food for the slow cooker.

Among the recipes are Bangkok Sour Pork Curry, Sticky Jasmine Rice, Spiced Prawn and Pineapple Curry, Creamy Spinach and Tomato Dhal, and more. METRO

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"It's really very serious stuff and it does take in account the fact that the perpetrator is who he is and has the record that he has."

NBA commissioner David Stern, who on Wednesday said the elbow that Metta World Peace used to give James Harden a concussion was "recklessly thrown" and the Los Angeles Lakers forward's history absolutely weighed into the seven-game suspension. World Peace, who changed his name from Ron Artest, received an 86-game suspension in 2004 — the longest ban for an on-court incident in NBA history — for jumping into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills in the Detroit suburbs to fight fans.

NHL awards

Lundqvist headlines Vezina finalists

Henrik Lundqvist of the New York Rangers, Jonathan Quick of the Los Angeles Kings and Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators are the finalists for the NHL's Vezina Trophy for best goaltender. The league announced the finalists Wednesday. The winner will be announced June 20 at the NHL awards ceremony in Las Vegas.

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On the web

The role of the closer typically comes with a pay bump in the bullpen, but could it also be considered danger pay? Getting the final three outs is taking its toll as seven closers have spent time on the disabled list already in the young MLB season. Scan the code for the story.

Ottawa's Craig Anderson and Daniel Alfredsson of the Ottawa Senators defend the net in Game 1 against the Rangers. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sens look to make their own luck in 7

NHL. It's win or go golfing as Senators travel to New York to achieve upset of Rangers

He's never won a Game 7 in the Stanley Cup playoffs and Daniel Alfredsson thinks his Ottawa Senators are long overdue.

Alfredsson and the Sens are looking to extend their season Thursday as they take on the New York Rangers in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series.

Ottawa has an 0-for-4 franchise record in Game 7s and Alfredsson, who has never played for another NHL team, is ready to put an end to that losing streak.

"There's no better time than (Thursday)," said Alfredsson. "Every year is different, every group is different. There's so many stats you can pay attention to, but I've said this group has been resilient all year long and we're looking for one more effort here from everybody, and if we get that we'll keep playing."

The game could be notable for more than who advances to the next round. Alfredsson has hinted in the past that he might be playing in his final playoffs, making his appearance at Madison Square Garden possibly the last time the 39-year-old captain suits up for the Senators.

But Alfredsson and the Senators will have plenty of confidence heading into New York, having already won two out of three games on the Rangers' home ice.

After squandering the opportunity to win the series Monday night, goaltender Craig Anderson believes his teammates will give it all they have Thursday.

"We have to lay everything out there because there is no tomorrow," said Anderson. "We have an opportunity to do something great and keep pushing forward.... If we have everyone working together and we lay it all out there, we can look at ourselves in the mirror at the end and say we gave it our all regardless of the result.

"But obviously we'd like to win."

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Spotty Rangers record

Home teams were only 17-28 in first-round Game 7s heading into Game 7 of the Boston-Washington series on Wednesday night.

- The Rangers have gone 3-0 in Game 7s at home but are just 3-5 overall.
- They haven't hosted a Game 7 since 1994 when they had back-to-back winner-take-all games in the conference finals and Stanley Cup finals.
- The Rangers lost their last Game 7 appearance, losing to Washington in the first round of the 2009 playoffs after leading the series 3-1.

Tennis

Raonic advances in Barcelona

Canadian Milos Raonic defeated Russian Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday to reach the third round at the Barcelona Open.

The 11th seed from Thornhill, Ont., who often trains in the Catalan capital during the season, advances to meet sixth-seeded Spaniard Nicolas Almagro on Thursday.

"I feel my level improved a lot between my first match and this one," said Raonic. "I'm hitting the ball better and feeling well on the court."

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CFL

Centre Khan calls it a career with Bombers

Obby Khan went back and forth between cracking jokes and tearing up as he announced his retirement Wednesday after eight CFL seasons.

The big Blue Bombers centre had spent the past six seasons with Winnipeg, including comebacks after illness and surgeries because of Crohn's disease.

The 31-year-old had lost his starting job late last season, but was back at centre for the playoffs and the club's loss to B.C. in the Grey Cup.

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Obby Khan speaks to reporters in Winnipeg on Wednesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO WINNIPEG

NFL. Trio of Canadians expected to be drafted

The NFL is projecting a banner draft for Canadian football.

The league listed three Canadians being selected in 2012 in a mock draft posted on its website Wednesday. That would be the most Canadians taken in one NFL draft.

This year's draft will be held over three days starting Thursday night.

According to the mock draft, Toronto native Philip Blake, a six-foot-three, 320-pound centre at Baylor, will be the first Canadian selected. He's projected to go in the third round, 82nd overall, to the Tennessee Titans.

Tyrone Crawford, a six-foot-four, 276-pound defensive lineman with Boise State, was projected to go in the fourth round, No. 97 overall, to the Indianapolis Colts.

Later in the round, at No. 115, the draft has the Titans selecting Akiem Hicks, a defensive lineman from the University of Regina. Hicks, a native of Elk Grove, Calif., had originally enrolled at LSU after the '08 season but never played for the Tigers after getting caught in a recruiting scandal.

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NFL

Johnson to grace Madden cover

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson has been selected to appear on the cover of Madden NFL '13, the popular video game, in a vote by fans.

Johnson beat out Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, the NFL offensive rookie of the year, by garnering 52 per cent of the more than 651,000 votes cast in the competition between the two playmakers. ESPN revealed the results live on its SportsNation show Wednesday.

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Curling. Canada 5-0 with 2 wins from Eberle, Hicke

Canada remains unbeaten at the world mixed doubles curling championship after a pair of wins Wednesday in Erzurum, Turkey.

Chantelle Eberle and Dean Hicke of Regina led Canada to a 9-3 win over Slovakia while also cruising by Turkey 8-3.

"I think they play well for only having curled for a few years," Eberle said of the host team. "I don't know what the coaching is like here, but in two years that's pretty good. We've been curling for some 20 years."

The victories leave Canada atop the Red Group at 5-0.

China, which trails Canada at 3-0, dumped France 9-3 and will take on Eberle and Hicke on Thursday.

There are 27 teams competing at the event. Teams are divided into three round-robin groups — red, blue and yellow.

Round-robin play continues through Saturday.

Quarter-finals, semifinals and medal games will be played Sunday.

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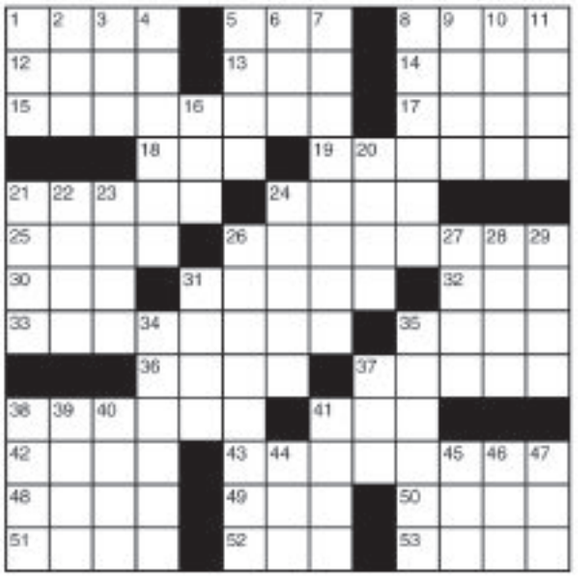
Crossword

Across

1 Big bash
5 Caviar, basically
8 Bunch of cronies
12 Shakespeare's river
13 Author Fleming
14 A-line creator
15 Traveler's verification
17 Oppositionist
18 Humor
19 Sought prey
21 Taken for granted
24 Smooch
25 Hebrew month
26 Superintendent's ringful
30 Prepared
31 Judge, often
32 Right-turn command
33 Long-popular game show
35 Dove's home
36 Potter's oven
37 Washbowl
38 Docking area
41 Charged particle
42 Particular
43 Seder time
48 Daytime drama
49 Baltimore newspaper
50 Tablet
51 Agile
52 Small lizard
53 Sweet potatoes

Down

1 Hiatus
2 Ms. Gardner
3 Part of UCLA
4 Response
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Scull tool
7 Filled with zeal
8 Polish port city
9 "— Misbehavin' "
10 Staff member?
11 Grating
16 Wrestling victory
20 Abbr. on old Asian maps
21 React in horror
22 Notion
23 Cisterns
24 Wee Scot
26 Slippage, to an anatomist
27 Cooperation barriers
28 Bigfoot's cousin
29 Spotted
31 Clone
34 Covering hardly anything
35 Awning
37 Derek and Diddley
38 "— Congeniality"
39 On
40 Bring up
41 "— It Romantic?"
44 Wiedersehen preceder
45 By way of
46 Freddy's street
47 Literary monogram



Sudoku

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		1		7			5	
9	8			6				7
			2				8	1
1	5				9			

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	5	1	2	9	8	4	7	3
4	3	8	7	6	1	9	5	2
9	7	2	4	3	5	6	8	1
5	1	4	6	8	3	2	9	7
7	8	6	9	1	2	5	3	4
3	2	9	5	4	7	8	1	6
1	4	3	8	2	9	7	6	5
8	6	7	3	5	4	1	2	9
2	9	5	1	7	6	3	4	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MXCS KCQKIC BFC VEFYHSD QS B FQIICF VQBYLCF, VQEIN RQE YBR LXCR'FC YMCBFHSD EK BSN NQMS?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A COMIC BOOK ABOUT SOME SUPER-POTENT BAKING STUFF GET TITLED "THE FANTASTIC FLOUR"?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Any doubts you have about a financial deal come from your subconscious mind, which is trying to warn you not to get involved.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Common sense should tell you to be cautious today but as common sense is currently in limited supply, you probably won't listen.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may be tempted to spend the day in your own private little bubble but let loved ones know.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Others will take what you say very seriously, even though to you it may be nothing more than a bit of fun.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Your imagination could get you into trouble today, especially on the work front.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Don't let anyone persuade you that you need to cut back on the many tasks you have set yourself.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Avoid signing up for group projects. You will do better soldiering on alone, at least for now.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some people will be difficult to get along with today, not least because they are unsure of all the changes going on in your shared environment.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may believe the best way to solve a problem is to scrap everything but that would be a waste of the time you have already invested.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You can no longer deny that you have been playing a role with which you no longer feel comfortable.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. There will be disruption on the home front today, caused by a loved one's sense of grievance.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If there is something important you need to say, make sure you choose your words carefully. Get to the point quickly too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Jared

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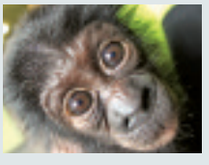

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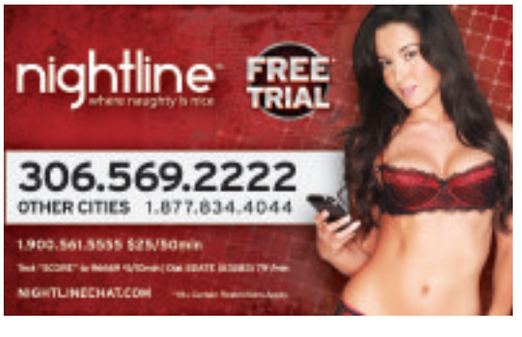

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